

**JUDGE BRIEANT**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**07 CV 11472**

ARBEN GROUP, LLC,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.

-against-

HOOVER TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS,

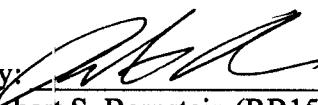
Defendant.

**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for HOOVER TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS (a private non-governmental party) certifies that HOOVER TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS is a privately held company and that there is no publicly held corporation which owns more than ten percent (10%) of Hoover Treated Wood Products stock.

Dated: December 21, 2007  
New York, New York

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